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Canada and Nova Scotia renew agreement on the promotion of official languages

HALIFAX, August 7, 1994 Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy and Nova Scotia's Minister responsible for Acadian Affairs and Minister of Agriculture and Marketing Wayne Gaudet today announced that Canada and Nova Scotia have renewed the General Agreement on the Promotion of Official Languages for a five year period.

Under the terms of this Agreement, the federal government provides a financial contribution to assist the provincial government and other agencies which promote the French language in Nova Scotia.

This gives Nova Scotia's Acadian community access to quality French language services and contributes greatly to the community's development.

The projects to be funded will be agreed upon each year, as well as the costs to be shared between the two governments.

Mr. Dupuy stated that he was very pleased with the level of cooperation between the two governments over the last five years and he stressed that the renewal of this Agreement testifies to the federal government's firm commitment to the development of official language minority communities.

"We are indeed pleased with the signing of an agreement with the Federal Government that will help fund projects and initiatives for the promotion and development of the Acadian community in Nova Scotia," said Mr. Gaudet.

Most of these projects are aimed at increasing or improving French language government services, while some projects contribute more specifically to the development of the Acadian community, such as the Jeux de l'Acadie and support to the Halifax-Dartmouth school- community centre, the Carrefour du Grand-Havre.

The Agreement renewed today was initially signed in 1989 for a five-year period.

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